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UNION CATALOGUE AND STATISTICS OF MEDICAL LIBRARIES.

At the meeting of the Denver and Arapahoe Medical Society, held Dec. 11, 1897, it was decided that the pamphlet, "How Every City May Secure a Medical Library," (reprinted from the *Medical News* of Oct. 2, 1897), should be sent to the medical societies in the United States. The committee appointed for this purpose have issued the following circular:

DENVER, COLO., Dec. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Denver and Arapahoe Medical Society sends a pleasant New Year's greeting to your Society.

We enclose a reprint entitled "How Every City May Secure a Medical Library." This Society has given sanction to the plan proposed, and it was adopted and successfully carried out in connection with the Colorado Medical Library Association and the Denver Public Library. We are desirous that the plan as outlined shall be presented to your Society at its next regular meeting.

Our Secretary, Dr. C. D. Spivak, is anxious to prepare and submit at the next Convention of The American Medical Association, in behalf of this Society, a report and statistical data concerning the question of medical libraries in the United States, for which purpose we solicit your co-operation.

If there is in your county a medical library or a general library containing a medical department, please hand the blank to the librarian of same, requesting him to fill it out and return it to the address given below.

Will you kindly let us know what action your Society takes in regard to this matter?

Very respectfully,

E. R. AXTELL, Chairman, }
C. E. EDSON, } Committee.
S. D. HOPKINS, }

Data for a statistical report of medical libraries and medical departments of general libraries in the United States to be presented at the next convention of The American Medical Association, to be held in Denver, Colo., June 7, 1898.

Location.....Name.....
Date of founding.....Medical library or medical department of
general library. Supported by Society, Hospital, College, Taxation. Income
\$. Endowment \$. Expenditure during 1897 \$. Free
or for members or subscribers only. Number of books.....of periodicals
of pamphlets.....of atlases..... Total number of volumes.....
Number of current medical periodicals during 1897..... Volumes added
during 1897..... Books issued during 1897..... Name of Librarian
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Please fill out the above and erase where necessary, and return to Dr. C. D. Spivak, 608 California Building, Denver, Colo. Send also constitution and by-laws, catalogues, reports, rules and regulations, query blanks and other blanks used in your library, all of which will be exhibited at the Convention. Due credit will be given to all exhibitors.

The pamphlet and circular were mailed to 250 medical societies, 30 academies of medicine, and a similar circular, somewhat differently worded, to all known medical libraries and to general libraries containing more than 50,000 volumes.

The following libraries have returned complete statistical data:

1. College of Physicians, Philadelphia, Pa. Chas. Perry Fisher, Librarian.
2. United States Army and Medical Museum. Major J. C. Merrill, Librarian, S. G. O.
3. Bowdoin College Medical Library, Brunswick, Me. George T. Little, Librarian.
4. Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md. Bernard C. Steiner, Librarian.
5. Medical Library University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. Raymond C. Davis, Librarian.
6. Library of the Medical Society of the County of Kings. William Brown-ing, M.D., Librarian.
7. Medical Library of the Boston City Hospital. Jas. T. Walsh, Medical and Surgical Registrar, Librarian, *ex officio*.
8. Worcester District Medical Library, Worcester, Mass. Albert C. Getchell, M. D., Librarian.

Space does not permit to print a list of those who simply acknowledged the receipt of the circular and pamphlet. We have received many private letters encouraging us in our work.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan 6, 1898.

DR. C. D. SPIVAK, Secretary, etc., Denver, Colo.

Dear Doctor:—Your letter of 31st December with enclosed pamphlet and circulars are received, for all of which please accept thanks. The work which you have begun will be appreciated by the profession wherever the plan of a union catalogue is adopted, the success with which it is carried out in Denver illustrating how desirable it would be elsewhere.

In collecting a list of strictly medical libraries in this country, you undertake, what I believe will result in useful information, and I shall look with interest for your paper at the next meeting of The American Medical Association.

The last report of the Surgeon General has the data relating to this Library, and I shall be glad to give you any further details concerning our collection and work which you may desire.

In conclusion, permit me to assure you of my appreciation of your undertaking, and of my willingness to co-operate in a work which promises so much good to the medical student and writer. Very truly yours,

J. C. MERRILL,

Major and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Librarian, S. G. O.

Chas. Perry Fisher, Librarian College of Physicians, Philadelphia, Pa., writes:

"In 1886, with the assistance of Dr. N. A. Randolph, I started a union catalogue of the libraries of some of the principal physicians in Philadelphia,

selecting the books and journals that were not in the possession of the library of the College. A tinted card was used and the name of the owner of the book placed in the upper right hand corner. The plan for borrowing was extremely liberal, but my catalogue was seldom, if ever, used after the first ten months. Perhaps in large cities it will be found more difficult to keep such a plan in successful working order."

R. R. Bowker, Editor of *The Library Journal*, official organ of the American Library Association, writes:

"As you perhaps know, the *Journal* has been much interested in your plan from the beginning, and kept track of its development last year. It has certainly proved a most encouraging example of co-operation. We shall be glad to give attention to your report on medical libraries, when it is prepared, and would be pleased to be informed from time to time of any other developments in your plan."

Dr. H. S. Scott, Secretary Salt Lake County Medical Society, Salt Lake City, Utah, writes:

"Your plan was discussed by the Society and thought extremely feasible, and an effort will be made to have a medical department in the new library which is to be established here."

Dr. M. V. Ball, Warren, Pa., writes:

"Shortly before the receipt of your letter I sent out postals to and visited some of the physicians of the town in order to get them to start a library association *a la Spivak*. I will work at it until I see it accomplished."

Dr. Geo. M. Gould, Editor of the *Phila. Medical Journal*, writes:

"I wish most heartily to express my sympathy with you in your medical library work. * * * You go on with your work and trust me when I get an hour's time to help you all I can."

M. W. Plummer, Librarian Pratt Institute Free Library, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes:

"I have called the attention of our leading physicians to your pamphlet."

We hope that the librarians of all medical libraries will respond to the circular and send in as soon as convenient full and complete statistical data. The pamphlet, circular, blanks for statistics, and the Bulletin will be cheerfully mailed to librarians and all who are interested in the growth of the existing medical libraries and the establishment of new ones.

LITERATURE ON THE SUBJECT OF UNION CATALOGUES OF MEDICAL LIBRARIES.

"How Every City May Secure a Medical Library." *Med. News*, Oct. 2, 1897.

"Medical Libraries by Co-operation." *Philadelphia Polyclinic*, Mar. 2, 1897.

"The Union Catalogue of Medical Books and Some of the Private Medical Libraries in the City of Denver." *COLORADO MEDICAL JOURNAL*, June, 1897.

"Statistics of Medical Libraries." *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Jan. 8, 1898, p. 111.

Transactions of the Colorado State Medical Society, 1897, p. 384.

Public Libraries, 1897.

Library Journal, 1897.

Editorial, *COLORADO MEDICAL JOURNAL*, December, 1896.

Editorial, *Medical News*, Oct. 2, 1897.

A list of medical libraries in the United States will be published in our next issue.

THE COLORADO MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Mr. J. C. Dana has severed his connection with the Denver Public Library, and is now in charge of the City Library Association of Springfield, Mass., one of the few libraries in the United States containing over 100,000 volumes. In his departure the reading public, both general and medical, has sustained a great loss, and I cannot better express it than in the words of Dr. W. P. Munn, spoken at a recent meeting before the County Medical Society: "J. C. Dana is not only a most accomplished librarian, but he is a great man, and the few, whose good fortune it was to be thrown in his company, know it. A time will come when the residents of Denver will remember with pride the fact that Mr. Dana was custodian of their Public Library." We can, however, console ourselves, that in Mr. John Parsons, the present librarian, the medical profession of Denver and Colorado will find a worthy successor of the man with whom he associated for many years, and with whose enterprises he has always been in full sympathy.

FAREWELL LETTER FROM MR. J. C. DANA.

DENVER, COLO., Dec. 31, 1897.

DR. SPIVAK, 608 California Bldg., City.

Dear Doctor:—It has been a very great pleasure to me, during my work in Denver, to have had the opportunity to encourage the establishment and growth of a medical library. I have always felt that Denver and Colorado would always depend quite largely for their growth and prosperity on their attractions as a health resort and as a desirable home for people of leisure. That a city like Denver, visited by many invalids in the course of the year, and becoming more and more, in many ways, a sanitarium, should be healthful in the extreme, should be well to the front in all sanitary and medical matters, is of the utmost importance.

I have believed, then, that the Public Library, in encouraging the growth of the Colorado Medical Library Association, has been doing something which will in the long run prove to be of the greatest benefit to Denver and the state.

The importance of the collection of books you and your associates have got together in recent years will not be realized by many for some time to come. In time, however, it will be seen that the Colorado Medical Library Association in establishing the medical department of the Public Library has done one of the best things for this city that could possibly have been done.

I wish you all success.

J. C. DANA,

The annual meeting of the Colorado Medical Library Associ-

ation will be held at the Brown Palace Hotel, Monday evening, Jan. 17, 1898.

The growth of the library is phenomenal, especially if we take into consideration the comparatively small membership. But fortunately what the association lacks in quantity it makes up in quality. A glance at the source whence the periodicals (a list of which is published below) come shows the interest manifested by the members. It is a striking example of co-operation and mutual helpfulness. Of the 152 periodicals, 28 are subscribed from the funds of the library and 124 are donated by the members: Drs. Hawkins, Axtell, Fisk, Munn, Sewall, Hall, Zederbaum, Taussig and others.

The regular income of the association from membership dues would not be sufficient to cover one-half of the expense if it had not been for our "life" members, Drs. Eskridge, Fisk and Graham, who have conjointly contributed a sum equal to, if not double, that of all the other sources combined during the existence of the organization.

MEDICAL JOURNALS FOR 1898 TO BE FOUND IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
DENVER, COLORADO.

| NAME OF JOURNAL. | ISSUED. | SOURCE. |
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| Alabama Med. and Surg. Age | M..... | Hawkins |
| Alkaloidal Clinic | M..... | Hawkins |
| Amer. Gynec. and Obstet. Jour..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Amer. Jour. Dermatology and Genito-Urinary Dis..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Amer. Jour. of Insanity..... | Q..... | D. P. L. * |
| Amer. Jour. Med. Science..... | M..... | Munn |
| Amer. Jour. Gynec. and Surg..... | M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| American Jour. Ophthalmogy | M..... | Hawkins |
| Amer. Jour. Physiology..... | M..... | Fisk |
| Amer. Med. Journalist..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Amer. Med. Review | M..... | Axtell |
| Amer. Medico-Surgico Bul..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Amer. Mo. Microscopical Bul..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Amer. Practitioner and News..... | Q..... | Hawkins |
| Annales de l'institut Pasteur..... | M..... | C. M. L. A. * |
| Archives de Medicine Experimentale..... | S. M..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Arch. f. Ophthalmologie (v. Graefe)..... | Q..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Arch. of Ophthal..... | Q..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Arch. of Otology..... | Q..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Arch. of Pediatrics..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Atlanta Med. and Surg. Jour..... | M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Atlantic Med. Weekly..... | W..... | Hawkins, Axtell |
| Beitragte zur Klin. Chir..... | | C. M. L. A. |
| Berliner Klinische Wochenschrift | W..... | Taussig |
| Brain..... | Ir..... | D. P. L. |

*C. M. L. A. Colorado Medical Library Association. D. P. L. Denver Public Library.

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| Braithwaite's Retrospect..... | S. A..... | C. M. L. A. |
| British Med. Jour..... | W..... | Hawkins |
| Brooklyn Med. Jour..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Buffalo Med. and Surg. Jour..... | M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Bulletin Johns Hopkins Hospital..... | Ir..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Calif. Med. Jour..... | M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Canada Med. Record..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Centralblatt f. Bakteriologie..... | W..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Charlotte Med. Jour..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Chicago Clinic..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Cincinnati Lancet-Clinic..... | W..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Cleveland Jour. of Med..... | M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Cleveland Med. Gazette..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Clinical Review..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Colo. Med. Jour..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Columbus Med. Jour..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Critique..... | M. Anderson, | Hawkins |
| Denver Med. Times..... | M..... | Hawkins, Axtell |
| Deutsche Med. Wochenschrift..... | W..... | Zederbaum |
| Dosimetric Med. Review..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Dublin Jour. Med. Science..... | M..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Edinburgh Med. Jour..... | M..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Eclectic Med. Gleaner..... | | Hawkins |
| Gaillard's Med. Jour..... | M..... | Hawkins, Axtell |
| Georgia Jour. of Med. and Surg..... | | Hawkins |
| Hahnemann Mo..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Homeopathic Envoy..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Homeopathic Recorder..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Hygienische Rundschau..... | S. M..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Index Medicus..... | M..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Indiana Med. Jour..... | M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| International Clinics..... | | C. M. L. A. |
| International Jour. of Surg..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| International Med. Mag..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Johns Hopkins Hospital Rep..... | M..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Jour. Amer. Med. Association..... | W. Munn, | Axtell, Hawkins, Fisk |
| Jour. Cutaneous and Genito-Urino Dis..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Jour. Eye, Ear, Throat Dis..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Jour. Med. and Science..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Jovr. of Experimental Medicine..... | Q..... | Fisk |
| Jour. of Med. Science..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Jour. Nervous and Mental Dis..... | M..... | D. P. L. |
| Jour. of Pathology (Eng)..... | M..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Kansas Med. Jour..... | W..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Kansas City Med. Index..... | M..... | Hawkins, Axtell |
| Kansas City Med. Record..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| La Clinique..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Langsdale Lancet..... | M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Laryngoscope..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Leonard's Ill. Med. Jour..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Le Progres Medicale..... | W..... | Hawkins |

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| London Lancet..... | W..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Louisville Med. Jour..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Maryland Med. Jour..... | W..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Medical Age..... | S. M..... | Hawkins |
| Medical Brief..... | M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Medical Council..... | M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Medical Examiner..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Medical Fortnightly | S. M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Medical Gleaner..... | | Hawkins |
| Medical Mirror..... | M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Medical News | W..... | Munn |
| Medical Record..... | W..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Medical Register..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Medical Review..... | W..... | Hawkins |
| Medical Rev. of Rev..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Medical Sentinel..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Medical Times..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Medical Week, tr. from French | W..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Medical World..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Med. and Surg. Bulletin..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Med. and Surg. Reporter..... | W..... | Hawkins |
| Medicine..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Modern Med. Science..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Mo. Retrospect, Med. and Pharmacy..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Nat. Hospital and San. Rec..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Nat. Med. Review..... | M..... | Axtell |
| New Orleans Med. and Surg. Jour | | Hawkins |
| New York Med. Jour..... | W..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| New Yorker Med. Monatsch..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| No. Amer. Med. Rev..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| No. Carolina Med. Journal..... | | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Northwestern Lancet..... | S. M..... | Hawkins |
| Occidental Med. Times..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Ohio Med. Jour..... | M..... | Axtell |
| Optician..... | | Hawkins |
| Pacific Med. Jour..... | M..... | Hawkins, Axtell |
| Pacific Record..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Pediatrics..... | S. M..... | Hawkins |
| Penn. Med. Jour..... | M..... | Axtell, Munn |
| Peoria Med. Jour..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Peoria Med. Record..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Philadelphia Med. Jour..... | W..... | Sewall |
| Philadelphia Polyclinic..... | W..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Physician and Surgeon..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Post-Graduate | M..... | Hawkins |
| Practitioner (Eng.)..... | M..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Progres Medicales..... | W..... | Hawkins |
| Public Health Jour..... | | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Public Health Reporter..... | | Hawkins |
| Railway Surgeon..... | M..... | Hall |
| Revue de Chirurgie..... | M..... | C. M. L. A. |

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| Revue des Sciences Medicales..... | Q..... | C. M. L. A. |
| St. Louis Clinic..... | | Hawkins |
| Sajous Annual, Univ. Med. Sciences..... | | C. M. L. A. |
| Sammlung Klinischer Vort..... | Ir..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Sanitarian..... | M..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Schmidt's Jahrbuchee..... | M..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Southern Calif. Practitioner..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| St. Board of Health Bul..... | | Hawkins |
| Texas Med. Jour..... | M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Texas Med. News..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Texas Med. Practitioner..... | | Hawkins |
| Therapeutic Gazette..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Therapeutic Notes..... | Q..... | Axtell |
| Therapist..... | | Hawkins |
| Tri-State Med. Jour..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Universal Med. Mag..... | M..... | Hawkins, Axtell |
| University Med. Mag..... | M..... | Hawkins |
| Virginia Med. Semi-Mo..... | S. M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Western Med. Review..... | | Axtell |
| Western Med. and Surg. Gazette..... | M..... | Axtell, Hawkins |
| Zeitschrift f. Hygiene..... | Ir..... | C. M. L. A. |
| Zeitschrift f. Klin. Med..... | B. M..... | C. M. L. A. |

The library has complete files of The Annals of Surgery and of the American Journal of Obstetrics, up to 1897 inclusive. At present the funds of the association are exhausted and the two journals cannot be subscribed for. Those who can contribute to the library either one of the above named journals will confer a great favor upon the library and the Denver medical profession.